

# PLATFORM

## For Patriotic Americans

### FOREWORD

**Our nation is in grave danger —**

- (1) from within, by the ever-growing menace of Socialism and its twin brother Communism;**
- (2) from without, by the danger of eventual destruction by Soviet Russia, or by absorption into a Soviet-controlled World Government.**

**We therefore submit the following**

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### **1. States Rights.**

There must be returned to the States, or to the people, the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities which have been usurped by the Federal Government.

### **2. Labor.**

The Anti-Trust Laws must be applied equally to all monopolies, whether of business or of labor. Every individual's right to join or not to join a labor union without affecting his employment and his right to work for an employer willing to hire him, the right of employees and employers to bargain and contract as they wish, and the right of

an employee to quit when he will, if not under contract, must be protected. Mass picketing, rioting, terrorism and all other forms of violence and coercion, secondary boycotts and industry-wide bargaining must be prohibited.

### **3. Spending.**

There must be a drastic reduction in Federal spending, and the Federal budget must be balanced. Between 1939 and 1951 inflation, caused primarily by unbalanced budgets, cost the owners of bank deposits, life insurance policies, and United States Savings Bonds alone more than \$300 billion. The total of such losses is increasing.

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#### **4. Taxation.**

Following the course prescribed by Karl Marx in his Communist Manifesto outlining the means to be used in destroying the private capitalistic system, our Federal Government imposes heavy progressive income, death and gift taxes. At the very least the heavy progressive rate features of our income tax laws can and must be eliminated without impairing the power of Congress to raise needed revenue, and the States must be given the exclusive right to impose death and gift taxes. Such a change in our tax laws would over the years increase the wealth of the people, assist greatly in saving our free enterprise system, help free the States and the people from Federal domination, and aid in preserving our system of constitutional government. To make these changes enduring, an amendment to the Constitution should be adopted.

#### **5. Government Competition with Private Industry.**

The use by government of taxpayers' money and government credit to engage in business in competition with private enterprise must be stopped.

#### **6. Housing, Education and Medicine.**

Aid in such matters as housing and education is not the function of the Federal government. It leads eventually to Federal control and must be stopped. We are also unalterably opposed to the socialization or communization of medicine, with its consequent degradation of the medical profession and the lowering of public health.

#### **7. Confiscation of Property.**

The right to own, hold, use and dispose of all property honestly acquired is a vital human right, and must be respected. We are opposed to the direct or indirect confiscation of the property or income of any individual or group through excessive taxation, price or rent control, or otherwise.

#### **8. Agriculture.**

We are unalterably opposed to the regimentation of farms and farmers favored by government planners. Farmers, like all other American citizens, should be free from government control and coercion. We recognize the great importance of agricul-

ture to our economy and the necessity of providing an orderly return to a free market generally.

#### **9. Immigration.**

Indiscriminate and unlawful immigration cannot be tolerated. The McCarran-Walter Immigration Act must be preserved and enforced. It is in the interest of American workers that competition from this source be limited.

#### **10. Foreign Trade Agreements.**

Under our Constitution the Congress and not the Executive has the power to impose tariffs. The present Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act in disregard of the Constitution delegates this power to the Executive and enables him arbitrarily to destroy an American industry. We demand its repeal.

We are unalterably opposed to this country's being a member of or a party to the International Trade Organization, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or any other international organization or compact, where such action might result in the surrender to a world bureaucracy of fundamental powers over our own economy.

American industry and its wage-earners must be protected against the ruinous competition of low-wage foreign countries and of countries whose industries are subsidized by American foreign aid.

#### **11. Foreign Aid.**

Billions of dollars of the taxpayers' money have been and are still being given away to foreign countries, the principal effect of which has been to maintain the socialist governments of these countries in power and to prevent the balancing of our Federal budget. Further foreign aid should be confined to limited assistance, preferably by way of loans and not by grants, to proven friendly countries, principally for essential military purposes which are in the interest of the United States.

#### **12. Foreign Policy.**

For some years past our foreign policy has been against the best interest of the United States, and has caused this country irreparable harm. Our shameful betrayal of Nationalist China led to the Korean War, with its 150,000 American casualties, and our continued appeasement of our Communist enemies will inevitably cause still further injury



# Platform for Patriotic Americans

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Senator Richard B. Russell, the frank and brilliant Southern spokesman, has made a valuable suggestion that the ancient custom of writing lengthy, dull and meaningless platforms for future elections, and especially for 1960, be abandoned. Senator Russell's idea seems to appeal also to Speaker Rayburn and Senator Johnson of Texas, Senate Majority Leader.

Senator Russell's idea has been favorably commented upon in many newspapers. Senator Russell's ridicule of the platform phobia was made during the Senate debate on admission of Alaska as a state. He was replying to reminders that both the Democrats and the Republicans had endorsed the plan in official pledges. As Ray Tucker reports, Senator Russell exploded:

"Recent Party platforms have been so long drawn out, so specious in their promises and so contradictory in their terms, that I doubt very much whether any Member of the Senate has taken the trouble to read them lately. I know that I never did! "

Mr. Tucker adds:

"Not a single Senator arose to disagree with Senator Russell, or to say that he believed in basing his legislative actions on his Party's credo. But Russell demolished even more completely the supposed sanctity and necessity of long-winded campaign exhortations."

"What a country we would have," Senator Russell continued, "if the Congress were to pass every proposal embraced within the political party platforms! What a budget we would have, what a tax burden we would have, and what a conglomeration of laws we would have! "

Recently under the chairmanship of Robert B. Dresser, a group met for an all-day session and worked out a Platform for Patriotic Americans which they hope may serve, in the words of Washington, "as a standard to which the just may repair."

The following letter will explain itself.

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DEAR FELLOW CITIZEN:

On August 18, 1958, a small group of men met for the purpose, not of forming another pro-American organization, but of drafting a Platform or Declaration of Principles that would appeal to all Americans who wish to preserve the freedom and independence of the United States.

Robert B. Dresser, of Providence, Rhode Island, was elected Chairman of the meeting, and Merwin K. Hart, of New York City, Secretary. Edward A. Rumely later agreed to act as Assistant or Temporary Secretary. A draft of a Platform had previously been submitted to the group, and this was used as a basis for discussion.

The result of the meeting was the enclosed "Platform for Patriotic Americans" which, at the conclusion of the meeting, was signed by: Robert B. Dresser, Merwin K. Hart, Earl Harding, Edward A. Rumely, and Percy L. Greaves, Jr.

The Platform has already been endorsed by more than 100. You will observe that a few of the endorsers have excepted one or more planks. This was to be expected. No political platform has ever met with the complete approval of all the members of the Party, or even of all the members of the Resolutions or Platform Committee that drafted it. If unanimous approval of all planks were required, no political platform would ever be adopted. The test should be whether the Platform "in the main" is one with which an individual or an organization agrees.

This Platform is being sent to a large number of existing organizations and individuals in the hope that they may wish to adopt and support it as their own. It is our belief that this will be of assistance to the citizens of the various States and Congressional Districts in selecting vital issues.

If you desire to endorse the Platform, please sign a copy and return it to the address below. Another copy will thereupon be sent you for your records. We should appreciate also your advising us of any further action you, or any organization with which you are connected, may take.

It is hoped that many editors of newspapers and periodicals may find the Platform of sufficient merit to present it to their readers with or without editorial comment. If used in any way, we shall be glad to have tear sheets for our records.

Never was our nation in greater danger.

Never was it so important that agreement be reached on the basic measures needed to save it.

Address your correspondence to that one of the following two persons by whom this letter is signed:

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c/o MERWIN K. HART  
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P.S. The enclosed Platform is being offered to many individuals and organizations. It needs to be widely distributed in the press and by direct mail. Funds devoted exclusively to this work are hereby solicited and can do a highly effective job.

Your suggestions as to how to secure wider distribution and nation-wide support will be appreciated.

We wish to emphasize, however, that contributions are entirely voluntary and that endorsing the Platform involves no obligation to make a contribution.



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